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SUBJ: VISIT DIRECTOR KEOGH

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1. THERE FOLLOWS CLEARED TEXT OF DIRECTOR'S IRKUTSK SPEECH:

2. FOR MORE THAN A DECADE, THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN SENDING
TO THE SOVIET UNION EXHIBITS EXPLAINING THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE. AT THE SAME TIME, EXHIBITS FROM THE SOVIET
UNION HAVE BEEN TOURING AMERICAN CITIES, UNDER THE CULTURAL
EXCHANGES AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. THIS YEAR, FOR THE
FIRST TIME, THE UNITED STATES EXHIBIT DEMONSTRATES HOW AMERICANS
SPEND THEIR LEISURE TIME TRAVELING THROUGH THE MANY SCENIC
SPOTS IN OUR COUNTRY AND ENJOYING THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES OF
OUR NATIONAL PARKS, BEACHES AND CAMP GROUNDS. WE BELIEVE THIS WILL
BE A THEME CLOSE TO YOUR HEARTS, SINCE YOU LIVE ON THE BANKS
OF THE BEAUTIFUL ANGARA RIVER AND CLOSE TO THE SHORES OF LAKE
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BAIKAL, APPROPRIATELY CALLED "GLORIOUS SEA, SACRED BAIKAL" BY

YOUR SONG WRITERS.

3. AS DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP INFORM PEOPLE IN OTHER COUNTRIES ABOUT THE WAY WE AMERICANS LIVE, ABOUT OUR HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS FOR THE FUTURE AND OUR DESIRE TO LIVE IN PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP WITH OUR FELLOW MEN.

4. RECENTLY PRESIDENT NIXON AND GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV HAVE BOTH DEMONSTRATED IN THEIR HISTORIC MEETINGS THAT OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE PUTTING ASIDE THE MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND THE DISTRUST OF THE PAST AND ARE EMBARKING TOGETHER ON A NEW ERA OF MUTUALLY FRUITFUL AND PEACEFUL RELATIONS.

5. IT GIVES ME PARTICULAR PLEASURE TO OPEN THIS FIRST AMERICAN EXHIBITION EVER IN THE CITY OF IRKUTSK. ALTHOUGH WE LIVE MANY THOUSANDS OF MILES APART AND SPEAK DIFFERENT LANGUAGES, WE HAVE MUCH TO SAY TO EACH OTHER. LIKE YOU, WE TOO COME FROM A PIONEERING BACKGROUND AND HAVE BRAVED HARSH ELEMENTS TO BUILD NEW CITIES AND MAKE THE LAND PRODUCTIVE. LIKE YOU WE HAVE WORKED HARD TO BUILD A BETTER LIFE FOR OURSELVES AND OUR CHILDREN. LIKE YOU WE STRIVE TO PRESERVE THE MAGNIFICENT SCENIC BEAUTIES THAT MAKE UP OUR NATURAL HERITAGES, SO THAT WE MAY ENJOY THE BOUNTIFUL GIFTS OF NATURE AND LEAVE THEM UNSPOILED FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF OUR CHILDREN AND GENERATIONS TO COME.

6. THEREFORE, IN THE SPIRIT OF RENEWING OUR LIVES THROUGH RECREATION, I PRODULY DECLARE THIS EXHIBIT OPEN.

7. SHIRLEY IS HANDCARRYING RUSSAIN TRANSLATION OF SPEECH.

8. CHANGE PROPOSED PARA ONE REFTEL TO BE DISCUSSED UPON ARRIVAL. APPROPRIATE MODIFICATION IN PLACE OF PROPOSED CHANGE PARA TWO REFTEL HAS BEEN MADE.

9. EMBASSY'S PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR MRS. KEOGH (MOSCOW 11081) HAS BEEN APPROVED. RUSH

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